

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2020
6:00pm
Teleconference**

Call to order: First Selectman Knorr called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney, CFO Michael Marinaccio, Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Fire Chief John Roache and Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds.

EMD/Fire Chief COVID-19 Updates: Fire Chief John Roache and Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds provided an update on the COVID-19.

Selectman is Update: First Selectman Knorr provided the COVID-19 Stats in Somers along with the May 20th re-opening of certain businesses. Schools are officially cancelled for the remainder of the school year.

Consideration of current advantages of bonding and or Restructuring debt due to the current borrowing rates. CFO Michael Marinaccio addressed this issue.

Consider creating a COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee to: The Board discussed who would be a good fit for this committee and what the charges will be to identify the urgent needs, see what we missed if anything, Accelerate recovery, and Expedite coordination and after action report. Glen will provide an overview and present to the Board of Selectmen.

Discuss a proposal from Kevin Reilly who will make available 7 acres of his property on 9TH District Road for a community Garden: plots of 25' X 25' for Town family use. Mr. Reilly joined the meeting at this time to propose a community garden a brief discussion followed. Mr. Reilly will provide information to Ms. LaFleur if he so chooses to advertise in the Somers Connects Magazine.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Mr. Knorr added Staffing to the agenda. Ms. Littig and Trooper Mike Hevey are proposing hiring a part time on call Animal Control Officer and as the Per Diem Animal Control Officer.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mr. Potirkus made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments for 551,359.03, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.

Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Kaley Curtis as the part time on call Animal Control Officer and Barbara Lytwyn as the per diem Animal Control Officer, Seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.

Adjournment: *Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm, Seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Kim LaFleur*

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Video of this meeting can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWqywN77sMI>

